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Soldiers, community get into the swing of things:

422nd Civil Affairs organizes playground project

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The prospect of a new and improved Iraq continues to unfold as the 422nd Civil Affairs Battalion, 1st Armored Division, officially initiated a major park-renovation project in Baghdad Jan 29.

Hameed Khalif Maree, directorate general of the Baghdad district of Karkh, slashed through past setbacks and dove into the park's future with a traditional ribbon cutting ceremony.

"It is an honor to be part of such a significant venture," said Maree.

The project, worth a total of \$165,000 in grants, funds and private donations, will include the restoration of a historic fountain with a surrounding flower garden area, the construction of a 500-seat soccer stadium for intramural teams, the filling of a pond that has been neglected for years and the development of a playground area with accompanying walkways.

According to Capt. Richard Cote, 422nd CA team leader, the civil affairs team wanted to erase the negative memories associated with the area, a former mass gravesite of Fedayeen soldiers buried during the initial stages of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 422nd cleared the area and turned the bodies over to the International Red Cross/Crescent for identification and family notification.

"We are trying to get [the park] back to the original way it was, 10 to 15 years ago," said Cote.

The project will take two to three months to complete, starting with the clearing of war debris that has accumulated around the area, he said. The stadium will include additions such as concrete benches, and restrooms and showers for the teams.

Approximately 50 to 60 Iraqis will be taking part in the expansion.

"This is strictly an Iraqi project," said Cote. "422nd is just coordinating it and giving the Iraqis the appropriate funding to help them do it. Our goal is to put local Iraqis back to work."

So far, the 422nd has completed a variety



Spc. Matthew Forester, 422nd Civil Affairs Battalion project coordinator, holds the ribbon marking the launch of a park renovation project while Hameed Khalif Maree, Directorate General of the Baghdad District of Karkh, prepares to make the symbolic cut.

of missions in the Baghdad area, some include rehabilitating schools, creating playgrounds and soccer fields, and instilling an Iraqi security force at the Al Ali Bus Terminal, as well as amassing \$191,000 in preliminary funding for the terminal's repair.

"In addition, we got the property and are getting ready to construct the first National Fire Academy for Iraq, starting on the first of March," said Cote, who is also a firefighter for the Myrtle Beach, N.C., Fire Department.

"Civil Affairs is a job where one gets to see the end results, and it's nice to see the developments come through," he said.

"This project will give the community a sense of ownership because they're working on it. It will boost their morale. What we've done is help build a better relationship between coalition forces and the local Iraqi people."

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News...

Bush Names Panel to Study Iraq Intel Woes

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush named seven people Friday to sit on an independent study commission to look into intelligence failures on Iraqi weapons, choosing former Democratic Sen. Charles S. Robb and retired judge Laurence Silberman, a Republican, to head the panel.

"We must stay ahead of constantly changing intelligence challenges," Bush said. "The stakes for our country cannot be higher."

U.S. Captures 6 'Closely Tied' to Saddam

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) - U.S. forces on Friday captured six people "closely tied" to Saddam Hussein and his regime for suspected anti-coalition activities including attacks on helicopters, a U.S. commander said.

In Fallujah, residents said Friday that two men suspected of having been informants for the Americans were slain by insurgents. The killings, which occurred late Thursday and early Friday, came after pamphlets were circulated in the area west of Baghdad warning Iraqis against cooperating with the occupation force.

Moscow Train Blast Kills 39, Wounds 130

MOSCOW (AP) - A huge explosion blasted apart a subway car packed with morning rush hour commuters Friday, killing 39 people and wounding more than 130 in what some officials said was a suicide attack on the Russian capital's transport lifeline.

President Vladimir Putin drew a connection between the blast and Chechen rebels whom Russian troops have been fighting for most of the last decade, and said the blast appeared aimed at sowing discord ahead of next month's presidential elections.

Missing Girl's Body Found; Suspect Held

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) - The body of an 11-year-old girl whose abduction was captured by a surveillance camera was found Friday in a church parking lot, and a mechanic has been charged with her murder.

Sarasota County sheriff's officials said Carlie Brucia's body was found about 1 a.m. outside a church a few miles from the car wash where she was abducted. Authorities did not say how she died or whether she had been raped.

Kerry Picks Up Gephardt Endorsement

WARREN, Mich. (AP) - Democratic presidential front-runner John Kerry picked up the support of former rival Dick Gephardt and his labor-union base Friday while his closest opponents for the party's nomination exchanged negative words in the South.

In Tennessee, Wesley Clark accused John Edwards of not supporting veterans programs in the Senate, a charge the Edwards campaign called "absurd" and part of a smear that is counter to the retired general's pledge to run a positive campaign.

While planning for your block leave...

Hotel Criticized for Charging for Water

LONDON (AP) -- Shades of Basil Fawlty. A hotelier who wrote to a client explaining why she couldn't have a free glass of tap water was showered with bad publicity Friday, being compared in some British newspapers to John Cleese's ill-tempered hotel keeper.

Sally Burchell, a guest at the Atlantic Hotel in Newquay, southwest England, complained to managing director Anthony Cobley that she was refused a glass of tap water with her 18-pound (US \$32) meal.

Staff told her she would have to pay 80 pence (US \$1.40) for a small bottle of mineral water or 2 pounds (US \$3.60) for 1 liter.

Cobley wrote back: "I buy water from the South West Water company. I buy the glasses that the water is served in. I buy the ice that goes into the water and I buy the labor to serve the water.

"I provide the luxury surroundings for the water to be drunk in and again pay for the labor and washing materials to wash the glass after you have used it, and you think that I should provide all of this free of charge!

"As regards your comment that you will not be returning to the Atlantic Hotel ever again, leaves me to say that customers who only drink water and complain about paying for it, I can certainly do without."

"This is like a letter from Basil Fawlty," The Daily Telegraph quoted Burchell as saying.

"There were a lot of us there and we spent a lot of money on drinks between us. Some people were even staying the night so it seemed a little tight to charge me for water."

Martin Couchman, deputy chief executive of the British Hospitality Association, said Cobley was wrong.

"Looking after customers and making them feel happy is a major part of hospitality. One hopes that as part of customer after-care people who write letters do so in such a way as to make customers feel as happy as possible," he said.

Debbie Smith, head of marketing at the Cornwall Tourist Board, said complaints "ought to be an opportunity to review service and to see what improvements can be made.

"This is certainly not an approach to customer care that I would advocate."

Chaplain's thought for the day...

Equality

"I leave you, hoping that the lamp of liberty will burn in your bosoms until there shall no longer be a doubt that all men are created free and equal."

- Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)

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As of: Friday, February 06, 2004 11:09:10 PM

Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00		HEADLINE NEWS	THE LIFE OF MAMMALS			00:00
00:30		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO			HEADLINE NEWS	00:30
01:00			BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER : - I WAS MADE TO LOVE YOU	BOB THE BUILDER	LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:00
01:30		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN		FRANKLIN : - FRANKLIN'S FLOAT/FRANKLIN'S PARTY PLANS		01:30
02:00	SPORTSCENTER		IRON CHEF : - SOY BEAN/CHEN VS YOSHIE TOBE	ROCKET POWER : - SAVING LT. RYAN	HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		JIMMY NEUTRON: BOY GENIUS : - PARTY AT NEUTRON'S/BROADCAST BLUES	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
03:00		MEN IN BLACK	AMERICAN IDOL	YU-GI-OHI (TV-7): - KEITH'S MACHINATIONS (PT. 1)	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30	NBA SHOOTAROUND			THE PROUD FAMILY : - IT TAKES A THIEF	CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00	NBA - ORLANDO MAGIC @ NEW JERSEY NETS		LIVING BETTER WITH CARRIE WIATT	TRADING SPACES FAMILY : - VIRGINIA BEACH: ROBINHOOD DRIVE	CNBC: THE NEWS	04:00
04:30			HOMES WITH STYLE : - CHILDREN'S ROOMS		HEADLINE NEWS	04:30
05:00		HARRIET THE SPY	WHILE YOU WERE OUT : - CALIFORNIA: SHAW STREET	OPERATION JUNKYARD : - MASTER WATER BLASTER	HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
05:30				HOW TO BOIL WATER : - MEAT OF THE MATTER		05:30
06:00			TRADING SPACES : - COLORADO: BERRY AVENUE	HEADLINE NEWS	THE NEWSHOUR	06:00
06:30	DAVIS CUP TENNIS TOURNAMENT - FIRST ROUND: SINGLES (AUSTRIA VS USA)			NBA - SAN ANTONIO SPURS @ SACRAMENTO KINGS		06:30
07:00		HEADLINE NEWS	GILMORE GIRLS : - THE BIG ONE		BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:30		ESPNEWS			NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00		HEADLINE NEWS	THE DIVISION : - FACES IN THE CROWD		LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:30		HEADLINE NEWS				08:30
09:00		BOB THE BUILDER	WINGS OF THE DOVE	ESPNEWS	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:30	AROUND THE HORN	FRANKLIN : - FRANKLIN'S FLOAT/FRANKLIN'S PARTY PLANS		WWE RAW!		09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	ROCKET POWER : - SAVING LT. RYAN			PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		JIMMY NEUTRON: BOY GENIUS : - PARTY AT NEUTRON'S/BROADCAST BLUES		NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS - PROD YEAR		10:30
11:00	FRIDAY NIGHT FIGHTS - MIDDLEWEIGHTS: RAYMOND JOVAL VS ANGEL HERNANDEZ	YU-GI-OHI (TV-7): - KEITH'S MACHINATIONS (PT. 1)	AMERICAN IDOL	ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30		THE PROUD FAMILY : - IT TAKES A THIEF			AIR FORCE TV NEWS	11:30
12:00		TRADING SPACES FAMILY : - VIRGINIA BEACH: ROBINHOOD DRIVE	LIVING BETTER WITH CARRIE WIATT	HEADLINE NEWS	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30			HOMES WITH STYLE : - CHILDREN'S ROOMS	ESPNEWS		12:30
13:00	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	OPERATION JUNKYARD : - MASTER WATER BLASTER	WHILE YOU WERE OUT : - CALIFORNIA: SHAW STREET	ONE ON ONE : - HEART TO HEART	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	13:00
13:30	NHL COOL SHOTS	HOW TO BOIL WATER : - MEAT OF THE MATTER		ACCORDING TO JIM : - WONDER WOMAN		13:30
14:00	SPORTSCENTER	ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT	TRADING SPACES : - COLORADO: BERRY AVENUE	THE PRACTICE : - BABY LOVE	DATELINE NBC	14:00
15:00	INSIDE THE NFL	WWE RAW!	GILMORE GIRLS : - THE BIG ONE	THE PRACTICE : - GOODBYE	CNN SATURDAY MORNING	15:00
16:00	NBA - SAN ANTONIO SPURS @ SACRAMENTO KINGS	ONE ON ONE : - HEART TO HEART	THE DIVISION : - FACES IN THE CROWD	HEADLINE NEWS	20/20	16:00
16:30		ACCORDING TO JIM : - WONDER WOMAN		SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE (03'-04') : - ALEC BALDWIN/MISSY ELLIOT		16:30
17:00		THE PRACTICE : - BABY LOVE	WINGS OF THE DOVE		SATURDAY TODAY	17:00
18:00	REAL SPORTS WITH BRYANT GUMBEL	THE PRACTICE : - GOODBYE		LIVE IN HOLLYWOOD		18:00
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS	AMERICAN IDOL	THE ENTERTAINERS	WALL STREET JOURNAL	19:00
19:30		NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS - PROD YEAR			AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM	19:30
20:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG TEN: MICHIGAN STATE @ OHIO STATE	NFL TOTAL ACCESS	LIVING BETTER WITH CARRIE WIATT	SPORTSCENTER	NEWS FROM CNN	20:00
20:30			HOMES WITH STYLE : - CHILDREN'S ROOMS			20:30
21:00		COLLEGE BASKETBALL - SEC: SOUTH CAROLINA @ KENTUCKY	WHILE YOU WERE OUT : - CALIFORNIA: SHAW STREET	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - ACC: NORTH CAROLINA @ WAKE FOREST	DATELINE NBC	21:00
22:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - ATLANTIC 10: LASALLE @ ST. JOSEPHS		TRADING SPACES : - COLORADO: BERRY AVENUE		HEADLINE NEWS	22:00
22:30					AIR FORCE TV NEWS	22:30
23:00		COLLEGE BASKETBALL - PAC-10: ARIZONA @ STANFORD	GILMORE GIRLS : - THE BIG ONE	HEADLINE NEWS	20/20	23:00
23:30				HOOR OF POWER - COMPASSION, CONSCIENCE, COMMITMENT		23:30

Today in history: Feb. 7

1964: BEATLES ARRIVE IN NEW YORK

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) On February 7, 1964, Pan Am Yankee Clipper flight 101 from London Heathrow lands at New York's Kennedy Airport--and "Beatlemania" arrives.

It was the first visit to the United States by the Beatles, a British rock-and-roll quartet that had just scored its first No. 1 U.S. hit six days before with "I Want to Hold Your Hand." At Kennedy, the "Fab Four"--dressed in mod suits and sporting their trademark pudding bowl haircuts--were greeted by 3,000 screaming fans who caused a near riot when the boys stepped off their plane and onto American soil.

Two days later, Paul McCartney, age 21, Ringo Starr, 23, John Lennon, 23, and George Harrison, 20, made their first appearance on the *Ed Sullivan Show*, a popular television variety show. Although it was difficult to hear the performance over the screams of teenage girls in the studio audience, an estimated 73 million U.S. television viewers, or about 40 percent of the U.S. population, tuned in to watch.

Sullivan immediately booked the Beatles for two more appearances that month. The group made their first public concert appearance in the United States on February 11 at the Coliseum in Washington, D.C., and 20,000 fans attended. The next day, they gave two back-to-back performances at New York's Carnegie Hall, and police were forced to close off the streets around the venerable music hall because of fan hysteria. On February 22, the Beatles returned to England.

The Beatles' first American tour left a major imprint in the nation's cultural memory. With American youth poised to break away from the culturally rigid landscape of the 1950s, the Beatles, with their exuberant music and good-natured rebellion, were the perfect catalyst for the shift. Their singles and albums sold millions of records, and at one point in April 1964 all five best-selling U.S. singles were Beatles songs. By the time the Beatles first feature-film, *A Hard Day's Night*, was released in August, Beatlemania was epidemic the world over. Later that month, the four boys from Liverpool returned to the United States for their second tour and played to sold-out arenas across the country.

Later, the Beatles gave up touring to concentrate on their innovative studio recordings, such as 1967's *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Heart's Club Band*, a psychedelic concept album that is regarded as a masterpiece of popular music. The Beatles' music remained relevant to youth throughout the great cultural shifts of the 1960s, and critics of all ages acknowledged the songwriting genius of the Lennon-McCartney team. In 1970, the Beatles disbanded, leaving a legacy of 18 albums and 30 Top 10 U.S. singles.

During the next decade, all four Beatles pursued solo careers, with varying success. Lennon, the most outspoken and controversial Beatle, was shot to death by a deranged fan outside his New York apartment building in 1980. McCartney was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 1997 for his contribution to British culture.

Reenlistment Bonus Still Available

The Army keeps rewarding soldiers with cash for reenlisting while deployed. Task Force 1st Armored Division soldiers with less than 10 years of service can earn from \$5,000 to \$10,000 when they reenlist.

Soldiers must reenlist for 36 months. Other factors that will determine the bonus amount include years of service and current pay grade.

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